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## Nativity of New Hampshire's Residents

### Over 95 Percent of Granite Staters were Born Citizens of the United States

New Hampshire remains a state with an overwhelming share of native born citizens, although less than half of the population was born in the Granite State. The share of New Hampshire residents who were foreign born remains small, but this number grew faster than total population between Census years 1990 and 2000.

New Hampshire had 1,235,786 residents on April 1, 2000, up 11.4 percent from 1990. Over 95 percent of Granite Staters were born American citizens. The number of residents born in a different state grew at a faster rate, 11.9 percent, than those that were born in New Hampshire, 9.3 percent. The portion of residents that were born outside the United States remains relatively low, 0.9 percent.

Foreign born residents rose from 41,193 in 1990 to 54,154 in 2000, a growth of 31.5 percent. New Hampshire attracted about 2,000 new foreign born residents per year over the Census decade, compared to about 1,000 per year during the previous Census decade. In 2000, over 47 percent of New Hampshire's foreign

born residents were naturalized citizens. The number of residents who were not a citizen increased from 18,317 in 1990 to 28,393 in 2000, a growth of 55 percent.

Over 92 percent of New Hampshire's residents spoke English-only at home, ten percentage points higher than the nation. It may come as no surprise that in New Hampshire, French was the second most frequent language spoken at home, with a 3.1 percent share, while the nation's share was less than one percent. What may be surprising is these numbers are dropping, despite the fact that the state borders the French speaking Canadian Province of Quebec. New Hampshire experienced a decrease of nearly one-third, while the nation saw a dip of over one quarter from 1990 to 2000.

Spanish remains the state's third most frequent language spoken at home, with a 1.4 percent share, while the nation had a share of 10.5 percent, ranking it second in the nation. The Granite State experienced a 63.6 percent growth in the number of residents who speak Spanish at home while the nation gained 54.2 percent. Every state in New England saw increases ranging from 34 percent in Maine to 116 percent in Rhode Island. If Spanish continues to grow at the rate it has both in the state and the nation, New Hampshire businesses will need to consider the impact it will have on the future of their companies in production and marketing.

*Gail Houston*

#### Nativity of New Hampshire's residents

	1990	2000	% Change
Total population	1,109,252	1,235,786	11.4%
Native	1,068,059	1,181,632	10.6%
Born in United States	1,056,953	1,170,140	10.7%
State of residence	488,894	534,558	9.3%
Different state	568,059	635,582	11.9%
Born outside United States	11,106	11,492	3.5%
Foreign born	41,193	54,154	31.5%
Entered between census years	10,159	20,191	98.7%
Naturalized citizen	22,876	25,761	12.6%
Not a citizen	18,317	28,393	55.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## New publications released

**Job Notes 2002** available at <http://www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/nhcrn/jobnotes.htm>

*Job Notes 2002* provides information to assist students in making more informed and better educated choices about their futures. The periodical is a career planning and development tool for the selection, planning, and building of a successful career. This edition provides career development information for the reader. Included are articles about stages of change, Web searching, career planning, learning styles, and transferable skills. Information about the jobs, how many workers in that occupation, and the projected demand for future employees, as well as wage information are also covered. Students, guidance counselors, parents, and individuals entering the job market or changing careers will find *Job Notes 2002* a useful tool.



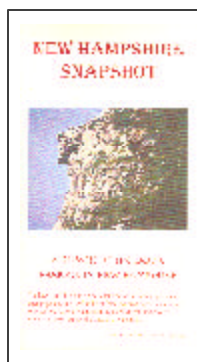
### Crime in New Hampshire – The latest STAT

Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program provides comparable crime statistics among the states from data supplied by law enforcement agencies. During 2000 New Hampshire had 30,068 serious crime offenses reported, the sixth lowest number in the nation. The Granite State continues to have the lowest crime index in New England 2,433.1 per 100,000 residents. New Hampshire's crime index dropped 33.3 percent since 1990. During this time the property crime index dropped 35.7 percent, while the violent crime index increased 33.4 percent.



Crimes involving the taking of property and money occur more often than ones where force or the threat of force is used. According to Morgan Quitno Press's *Most Dangerous/Safest State Award*, New Hampshire maintained its position of second safest state in the nation.

The data listed in the Crime Time section and in the individual boxes on this page should be viewed with care. This information is only to show the frequency of crime occurrences as a ratio of crime to fixed time intervals. This information should not be taken to imply a regularity of crime.



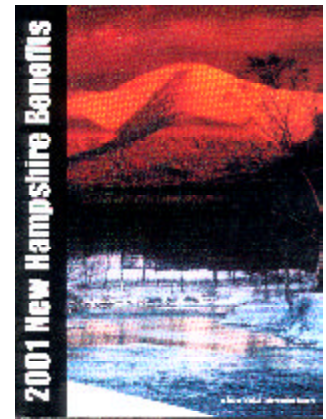
This brochure is packed with information on New Hampshire and its counties. What state did New Hampshire tie as the eighth fastest growing state in the nation? Where does the state rank nationally for per capita personal income? How much has average weekly wage gained since 1991? For the answers to these questions and more check out the brochure's 2001 Hot Points section.

What was the Granite State's population in 2001? What was each county's per capita personal income for 2000? What was the unemployment rate for 2001? How many people were employed in the Services and Manufacturing industries during 2001? Also included is civilian labor force data, covered employment data, and covered wage data. You will find all of this and more in the latest copy of *Snapshot*.

## 2001 New Hampshire Benefits, 49 pages, June 2002

This publication is a compilation of results from the 2001 New Hampshire Benefits survey that was done in late fall of 2001. Over 2,800 firms in the state participated in providing information about the variety of benefits they offer to their employees. A breakdown of the benefits by firm size groups, along with how many employees within each size group, is also provided.

Employers and employees can research what size firms offer the benefit type. How likely an employee would be to receive the benefit based on full-time or part-time work status is also included. The printed version is now available.



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### Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

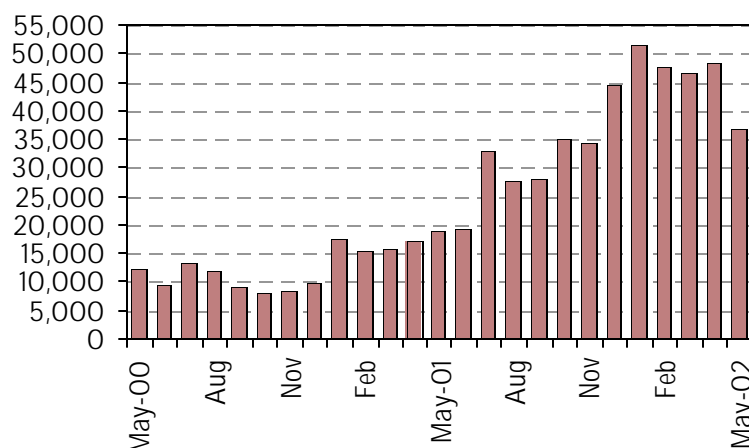
Total Regular Unemployment Compensation Programs:				Change from Previous			
	May-02	Apr-02	May-01	Month		Year	
				Net Percent		Net Percent	
Initial Claims	4,239	6,228	4,282	-1,989	-31.9%	-43	-1.0%
Continued Weeks	36,912	48,406	19,015	-11,494	-23.7%	17,897	94.1%

### Claims Activity

### Unemployment Compensation Fund

Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of May:	\$325,365,642.15
Average payment for a week of total unemployment:	\$254.04
Net benefits paid:	\$13,182,579.97
Net contributions received during the month:	\$10,156,128.95
Interest Received:	\$0.00
Reed Act Distribution:	\$0.00

### Trust Fund



### Continued Weeks Claimed

#### May 2000 - May 2002

Continued weeks claimed experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decrease since 1987. The last time the actual number of claims decreased by more than 8,494 over-the-month was in 1992.

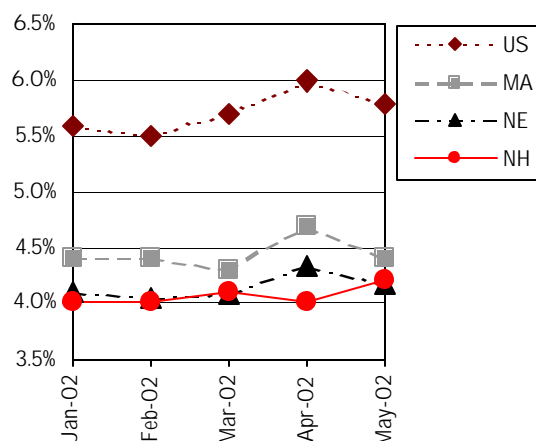
May-02	Apr-02	May-01	Month	Year
179.8	179.8	177.7	0.0%	1.2%

United States  
All Urban Areas (CPI-U)  
(1982-1984=100)

### Consumer Price Index

## N.H. and U.S. Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

New Hampshire's unemployment rate was the only New England state to increase 1.0 percentage points over-the-year. New Hampshire also had the highest increase over-the-month of 0.2 points.



### Unemployment Rates by Region

	preliminary May-02	revised Apr-02	May-01
United States	5.8%	6.0%	4.4%
Northeast	5.4%	5.4%	4.2%
New England	4.2%	4.3%	3.5%
Connecticut	3.7%	3.8%	3.1%
Maine	3.7%	4.0%	4.0%
Massachusetts	4.4%	4.7%	3.5%
New Hampshire	4.2%	4.0%	3.2%
Rhode Island	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%
Vermont	4.0%	3.9%	3.5%
Mid Atlantic	5.8%	5.8%	4.5%
New Jersey	5.4%	5.6%	4.1%
New York	6.1%	6.1%	4.6%
Pennsylvania	5.7%	5.4%	4.6%

## Labor Force Estimates

By Place of Residence

	Jan-02	Feb-02	Mar-02	revised Apr-02	preliminary May-02
<b>New Hampshire</b>					
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%
Civilian Labor Force	688,640	708,070	707,360	707,180	709,310
Number Employed	661,730	679,970	678,400	678,740	679,360
Number Unemployed	26,910	28,100	28,960	28,440	29,950
<b>United States (in thousands)</b>					
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.5%	5.7%	6.0%	5.8%
Civilian Labor Force	141,390	142,211	142,005	142,570	142,769
Number Employed	133,468	134,319	133,894	133,976	134,417
Number Unemployed	7,922	7,891	8,111	8,594	8,351

## Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

By Place of Establishment

Industry	Jan-02	Feb-02	Mar-02	revised Apr-02	preliminary May-02
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	628,400	627,900	626,500	627,400	627,100
Mining*	400	500	500	500	500
Construction	27,200	27,100	27,300	26,900	27,200
Manufacturing	101,000	100,100	99,400	99,600	99,700
Durable Goods	73,500	72,900	72,300	72,600	72,700
Nondurable Goods	27,500	27,200	27,100	27,000	27,000
Transportation and Public Utilities	21,200	21,200	21,100	21,000	21,000
Trade	166,100	166,300	165,900	166,700	166,600
Wholesale Trade	33,100	32,800	32,900	32,900	32,900
Retail Trade	133,000	133,500	133,000	133,800	133,700
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	33,900	34,000	34,100	33,900	34,200
Services	194,100	193,900	193,100	194,400	193,100
Government	84,500	84,800	85,100	84,400	84,800

\* Since N.H. mining employment exhibits no clear seasonal pattern, these estimates are not adjusted.

## Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	May-02 preliminary	Apr-02 revised	May-01
Number of Workers			
Total Civilian Labor Force	706,900	704,060	683,900
Employed	678,120	674,180	663,370
Unemployed	28,780	29,880	20,530
Unemployment Rate (% of labor force)	4.1%	4.2%	3.0%

## Unemployment Rates by Area

	May-02 preliminary	Apr-02 revised	May-01
<b>U.S. and Regional States</b>			
United States	5.5%	5.7%	4.1%
Northeast	5.2%	5.1%	4.0%
New England	4.1%	4.2%	3.4%
Connecticut	3.9%	3.7%	3.3%
Maine	3.7%	4.4%	4.0%
Massachusetts	4.2%	4.5%	3.2%
New Hampshire	4.1%	4.2%	3.0%
Rhode Island	4.3%	4.1%	4.4%
Vermont	3.6%	4.1%	3.1%
Mid Atlantic	5.6%	5.4%	4.3%
New Jersey	5.2%	5.2%	3.8%
New York	5.8%	5.8%	4.2%
Pennsylvania	5.6%	5.0%	4.6%

## Labor Market Areas

Berlin LMA	11.1%	12.1%	6.3%
Seabrook-South Hampton, NH			
Portion Boston, MA-NH PMSA	7.6%	7.0%	3.9%
Claremont LMA	2.1%	2.4%	2.5%
Colebrook LMA	2.9%	6.4%	9.5%
Concord LMA	2.6%	2.8%	2.3%
Conway LMA	3.3%	4.0%	3.3%
NH Portion Hartford-Lebanon, VT-NH LMA	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%
NH Portion Keene-Brattleboro, NH-VT LMA	2.9%	3.1%	2.9%
Laconia LMA	2.9%	3.5%	2.5%
Lancaster LMA	5.1%	5.0%	5.6%
Salem-Derry, NH Portion			
Lawrence, MA-NH PMSA	6.2%	6.0%	4.5%
Littleton LMA	4.4%	4.0%	4.4%
Pelham, NH Portion Lowell, MA-NH PMSA	7.3%	6.8%	3.8%
Manchester PMSA	3.9%	4.1%	2.8%
Nashua PMSA	5.3%	5.5%	3.0%
Peterborough LMA	3.4%	3.4%	3.0%
Plymouth LMA	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%
NH Portion Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-ME PMSA	3.4%	3.7%	2.3%

## Counties

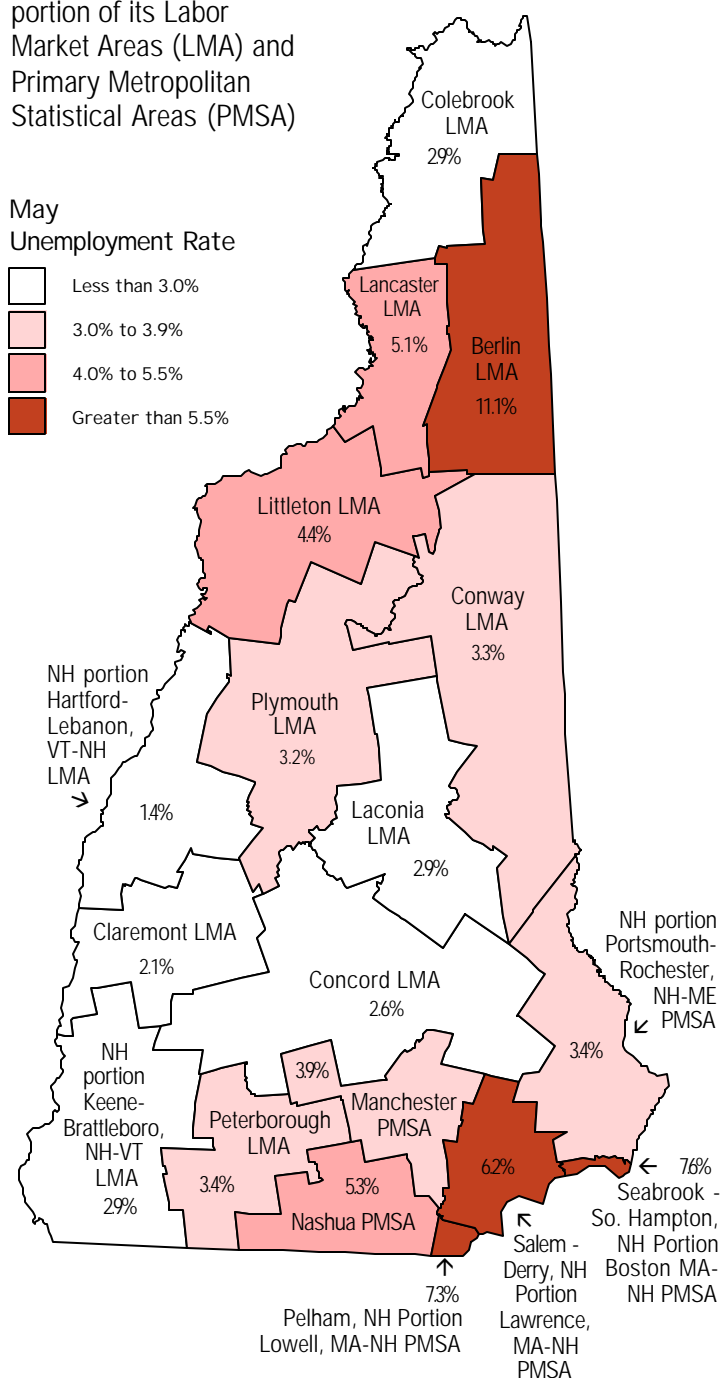
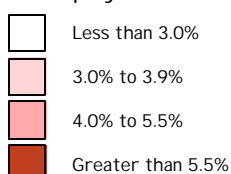
Belknap	3.2%	3.6%	2.5%
Carroll	3.0%	3.9%	3.1%
Cheshire	3.1%	3.3%	3.1%
Coos	8.0%	8.9%	6.8%
Grafton	2.6%	2.4%	2.6%
Hillsborough	4.6%	4.8%	2.9%
Merrimack	2.6%	2.7%	2.4%
Rockingham	5.1%	5.0%	3.4%
Strafford	3.4%	3.8%	2.6%
Sullivan	1.9%	2.4%	2.5%

Local Area  
Unemployment  
Statistics  
(LAUS)Not Seasonally  
Adjusted

By Place of Residence

Unemployment rates in the New Hampshire portion of its Labor Market Areas (LMA) and Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSA)

May  
Unemployment Rate





Statewide employment over-the-month jumped by 6,000 jobs because of seasonal expansions in Construction, Trade, and Services. Over-the-year increases in Trade and Services couldn't outweigh the reductions in Manufacturing employment as statewide employment dropped 1,300.

More detailed industry information is available at our Web site

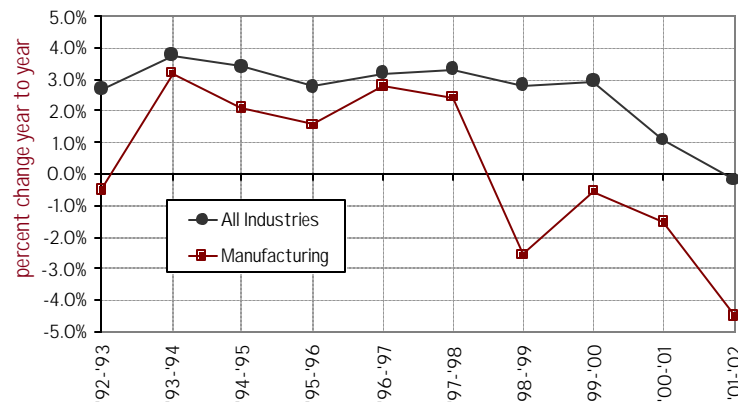
### Nonfarm employment in selected industries

Percent change May to May, 1992 - 2002

### Monthly Not Seasonally Adjusted New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Current Employment Statistics Employment by Industry by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change From Previous:	
	May-02 (preliminary)	Apr-02 (revised)	May-01	Month	Year
Total All Industries	629,000	623,000	630,300	6,000	-1,300
Private Employment Total	541,800	535,800	543,100	6,000	-1,300
Mining	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	27,600	26,500	27,300	1,100	300
Manufacturing	99,900	99,900	104,600	0	-4,700
Durable Goods Total	72,800	72,800	76,200	0	-3,400
Nondurable Goods Total	27,100	27,100	28,400	0	-1,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	21,000	20,800	21,900	200	-900
Trade Total	165,800	163,000	164,600	2,800	1,200
Wholesale Trade	33,000	32,700	32,700	300	300
Retail Trade	132,800	130,300	131,900	2,500	900
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	34,100	33,800	33,800	300	300
Services	192,900	191,300	190,400	1,600	2,500
Government Total	87,200	87,200	87,200	0	0

Note: Totals are rounded to hundreds



### Current Employment Statistics (CES) Manchester PMSA

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	May-02 (prelim.)	Apr-02 (revised)	May-01	Month	Year
Total All Industries	106,700	106,000	108,500	700	-1,800
Private Employment Total	94,700	94,200	96,700	500	-2,000
Construction & Mining	5,500	5,400	5,300	100	200
Manufacturing	12,500	12,400	14,400	100	-1,900
Durable Goods	8,400	8,400	10,100	0	-1,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	6,600	6,500	6,500	100	100
Trade Total	26,900	26,400	26,700	500	200
Wholesale Trade	7,300	7,100	7,200	200	100
Retail Trade	19,600	19,300	19,500	300	100
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	8,500	8,400	8,100	100	400
Services	34,700	35,100	35,700	-400	-1,000
Government Total	12,000	11,800	11,800	200	200

Manchester PMSA had the largest over-the-year reduction in jobs among New Hampshire's PMSAs. Major contributors to the employment deficit were Manufacturing and Services. The over-the-month employment increase of the Manchester PMSA was also the smallest.

### Current Employment Statistics Nashua PMSA

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	May-02 (prelim.)	Apr-02 (revised)	May-01	Month	Year
Total All Industries	99,200	98,100	99,900	1,100	-700
Private Employment Total	89,300	88,200	90,200	1,100	-900
Construction & Mining	3,600	3,500	3,500	100	100
Manufacturing	27,100	27,200	27,800	-100	-700
Durable Goods	21,800	21,900	22,400	-100	-600
Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Transportation & Public Utilities	2,200	2,200	2,400	0	-200
Trade Total	25,200	24,900	25,100	300	100
Wholesale Trade	4,000	4,000	4,500	0	-500
Retail Trade	21,200	20,900	20,600	300	600
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6,300	6,100	6,300	200	0
Services	24,900	24,300	25,100	600	-200
Government Total	9,900	9,900	9,700	0	200

Services, FIRE, Trade, and Construction all contributed to the over-the-month increase of 1,100 jobs in the Nashua PMSA. Manufacturing, the only losing sector, had minimal employment losses over-the-month.

### Current Employment Statistics Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-ME PMSA

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	May-02 (prelim.)	Apr-02 (revised)	May-01	Month	Year
Total All Industries	127,600	125,900	127,600	1,700	0
Private Employment Total	102,400	100,800	103,700	1,600	-1,300
Construction & Mining	4,300	4,200	4,100	100	200
Manufacturing	16,900	16,700	18,500	200	-1,600
Durable Goods	10,900	10,700	11,900	200	-1,000
Nondurable Goods	6,000	6,000	6,600	0	-600
Transportation & Public Utilities	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	100
Trade Total	33,600	33,000	33,400	600	200
Wholesale Trade	6,100	6,100	6,200	0	-100
Retail Trade	27,500	26,900	27,200	600	300
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6,400	6,300	6,600	100	-200
Services	36,800	36,200	36,800	600	0
Government Total	25,200	25,100	23,900	100	1,300

Wholesale trade and Transportation, and public utilities were the only divisions that did not contribute to the over-the-month employment growth in the Portsmouth-Rochester area.

### Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May-02 prelim.	Apr-02 revised	May-01	May-02 prelim.	Apr-02 revised	May-01	May-02 prelim.	Apr-02 revised	May-01
<b>New Hampshire</b>									
All Manufacturing	\$586.44	\$586.01	\$566.78	42.9	42.9	40.6	\$13.67	\$13.66	\$13.96
Durable Goods	608.72	610.10	572.83	45.7	45.7	41.3	13.32	13.35	13.87
Nondurable Goods	530.24	527.40	554.58	35.9	36.0	39.0	14.77	14.65	14.22
<b>Manchester PMSA</b>									
All Manufacturing	\$630.00	\$618.95	\$633.04	40.0	39.6	41.0	\$15.75	\$15.63	\$15.44
Durable Goods	682.86	665.30	680.16	42.1	41.4	43.6	16.22	16.07	15.60
<b>Nashua PMSA</b>									
All Manufacturing	\$508.03	\$517.82	\$548.73	37.8	38.3	39.0	\$13.44	\$13.52	\$14.07
Durable Goods	453.47	478.79	514.56	36.6	37.7	38.4	12.39	12.70	13.40
Nondurable Goods	733.15	694.59	688.90	43.0	41.1	41.6	17.05	16.90	16.56
<b>Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-MA PMSA</b>									
All Manufacturing	\$568.03	\$551.60	\$569.53	40.2	39.4	41.3	\$14.13	\$14.00	\$13.79
Durable Goods	615.70	613.41	630.63	42.2	41.7	42.9	14.59	14.71	14.70
Nondurable Goods	483.49	443.56	458.07	36.6	35.4	38.3	13.21	12.53	11.96

While statewide average weekly wages increased less than half a dollar over-the-month, the Portsmouth-Rochester area experienced a much larger increase of \$16.43. The Nashua area suffered a reduction of \$9.79 during the same time.

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